

## Theater Audience Sees 3 Disturbers Given Trouncing

Men Who Refuse to Occupy Proper Seats Attempt to Punish Policeman and Are Thashed After Battle

Twenty-five hundred persons watching a vaudeville performance in Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater, Broadway and Twenty-eighth Street, abandoned the show shortly after 10 o'clock to witness a fight in which Patrolman Patrick Carmack, of the West Thirtieth Street station, beat one man into unconsciousness with his nightstick and severely punished two others before he was able to place them under arrest.

Patrolman Carmack was summoned from his beat near the theater by Sanfield Walsh, assistant manager of the house, who said the men were creating a disturbance, refusing to leave or to occupy the seats they had purchased in the balcony. Carmack found the men in paragon seats and ordered them from the theater. They refused and Carmack attempted to handle himself. The three set on the patrolman who was thrown down in an aisle of the theater, beaten and kicked.

Young women singer and dancer continued her performance in spite of disorder and the orchestra played on, but the audience refused to be diverted from the fight. Men clambered over the backs of seats and women crowded the aisles while Carmack struggled to overpower his three assailants.

Fearing a panic, Carmack ran into the theater lobby, pursued by the men. With more room to handle himself, the patrolman reversed matters. He dropped one of the men, Martin De Sisto, of 13 Macdougall Street, with a blow of his nightstick, and when De Sisto rose for another rush, Carmack hit him down again. The second man, Angelo Metale, of 10 Macdougall Street, and John Orella, of 10 Macdougall Street, submitted to arrest after being beaten once or twice with Carmack's club.

During later stages of the fight Carmack and his two opponents were struggling to the street, where not less than half the theater audience congregated. De Sisto was taken to the police station still unconscious. He received surgical aid from an ambulance surgeon.

When the prisoners were arraigned in Night Court, Magistrate Renaud fined De Sisto and Orella \$10 each or five days in jail. They were taken to the station and locked up. De Sisto was charged additionally with resisting an officer. He received a ten-day sentence.

## Motorist Props Victim Against Door and Flees

Injured Boy Taken to Hospital Where Mother, Seated at Husband's Side, Faints

Morris Reiss, twelve years old, of 2110 Arthur Avenue, was taken to Fordham Hospital last night after suffering from concussion of the brain. He received his injury when he was run down by an unidentified automobile.

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## Billion Candle Power Light to Guide Flyers

European Airways Are Rapidly Being Equipped to Make Night Travel Possible

LONDON, Nov. 21 (By Mail).—Preparations for night flying on the airways of Europe are rapidly proceeding, reports "The Times."

The French Air Ministry has just acquired a new aerial lighthouse that exceeds in candle-power and intensity anything that has yet been attempted either in aerial or marine lighthouses. Showing a dazzling tower of one thousand million candles it will be visible from a distance of 200 miles, and will be the guiding light for night air expressmen enroute or leaving the Paris aerodrome at Le Bourget for the south. The new lighthouse will be erected on Mount Africa, a hilltop seven miles from Dijon, rising to a height of 1,000 feet.

On the London airways seven aerial lighthouses are now in operation or on the point of completion. The stretch of airway between the London air station at Croydon and the coastal air station at Lympne is now illuminated by four lighthouses, flashing distinctive signals. They are so arranged that an air express pilot proceeding either to or from London and the Continent will always be in sight of one of them. In addition, it is proposed to make alterations in the Varne lighthouse, which is moored in mid-channel, so that it will act as a guide not only to shipping, but also to aeroplanes flying above it.

## Ancient Oath of Office Still Used on Isle of Man

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, Nov. 14 (By Mail).—The appointment of two new "deemsters" or members of the legislative council of this island has just called attention to the peculiarities of the ancient oath they take on the Bible when assuming office. It reads:

"By this book, and by the holy contents thereof, and by the wonderful works that God hath miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights, I do swear that I will execute the laws of this island justly between our sovereign Lord the King and his subjects within this island and betwixt party and party, as indifferently as herring backbone doth lie in the middle of the fish." The Isle of Man, which is well known as a pleasure resort and is situated in the Irish Sea, has its own legislature and is not bound by any acts of Parliament unless it is specifically mentioned in them.

## Argentine P. O. Department Victim of Stamp Swindle

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 8 (By Mail).—A swindle of large proportions has been perpetrated on the Argentine Postoffice Department by the printing and sale of false five-cent stamps. The sale of these stamps apparently has been going on possibly for years, but it was only recently discovered. The department has ordered the withdrawal of the issue in question.

The Postoffice Department admitted that the fraudulent stamps were practically identical with the authorized ones and that it was not possible to trace the source of the questionable supply. Five-cent stamps bearing the portrait of General San Martin no longer are accepted in payment for postage.

## Walsh Says Irish Here Will Go Home to Fight Arms Can Be Shipped Openly if Warfare Is Renewed, He Assures Boland

The American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic tendered a farewell dinner to Harry Boland, Irish envoy to the United States, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel McAlpin last night. Mr. Boland, who was formerly private secretary to Ramon de Valera, sailed for Ireland today.

Frank F. Walsh, one of the speakers, said that in case the free state treaty was not accepted "the loyal sons of Ireland in this country will form an Irish foreign legion and return to Ireland to fight for the cause to a finish. And Mr. Boland has been instructed to announce that if ratification fails arms can be openly shipped from this country to Ireland."

James A. O'Mara, Lord Mayor of Limerick, in speaking of the proposed Irish Free State, said: "Whatever is decided, Ireland knows her friends. Those who have helped her in the past will help her in the future, whatever that future may hold."

## Court Favorite of Mexican Empire Recounts Old Days

Marie Jordan de Degollado, Once Virginia Belle, Is 80 Years Old and Lives in Solitude in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 23 (By Mail to The Associated Press).—A shriveled, gray-haired little woman, almost blind and living wholly alone, sits all day in her chair before the window of her tiny apartment in Mexico City and dreams of the days of the Mexican Empire when the Austrian Archduchess Maximilian ruled the destinies of the nation.

From 1867 to 1877, she is Senora Maria Othello Jordan de Degollado, widow of an old Virginia family and widow of General Mariano Degollado, member of a family famous in Mexican history.

During the three chaotic years of Maximilian's reign she was a lady-in-waiting to Empress Charlotte, the "saint princess of Europe," and to the correspondent she recalled some of the interesting memories of court days during the Mexican Empire.

Maximilian, the ill-fated Austrian prince who was set up as head of the empire by Napoleon III in 1864 and was executed by the Mexicans three years later, was shot as an usurper by order of the Mexican President Juarez, was described by Senora Degollado as "a beautiful character, sympathetic and capable, but too unable to govern a nation of malcontents."

Empress Charlotte, daughter of Leopold I, King of the Belgians, who is still living in Brussels, according to Senora Degollado, was "an ambitious genius who was always striving to advance her husband and whose mind became unbalanced when she found the path blocked." Senora Degollado has never seen the empress since she was banished from Mexico City in July, 1867, to plead the cause of the empire before the French monarch and later to go to Rome to attempt to secure the sanction of the Pope. So far as she knows, no direct word has been received from her since.

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## Gifts for Two Sons From Stillman; Guy And Anne Ignored

Checks Left for James Jr. and Alexander; Mother Bids Children to Accept Banker's Invitation to Lunch

James A. Stillman sent Christmas presents in the form of checks to his sons, James Jr. and Alexander, it was learned yesterday. There was no gift for his daughter, Anne, who recently allied herself with her mother, Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman, in the legal action brought by the banker. Nor was there any gift for Mrs. Stillman or for the baby, Guy, whose paternity James A. Stillman denies.

"You could hardly expect a man to send presents to those he is fighting," Mrs. Stillman said yesterday when asked about this.

The checks for James Jr., or "Budd," as his family has dubbed him, and for Alexander were found by Mrs. Stillman at the back door of her apartment, 910 Fifth Avenue, Christmas morning. The envelopes bore neither stamp nor postmark and had apparently been left by a messenger.

Anne Stillman has been with her mother since Friday and although her father sent her nothing, will probably attend a luncheon with her two older brothers to-morrow to which her father has invited them. Her mother said yesterday that she had urged her to attend and explained that she had advised both sons and daughter to have no animosity against her husband. When asked if Anne had broken with her father, Mrs. Stillman said:

"There is no reason why she should. Why should children become involved in the difficulties of their parents? I have told them that they showed their feelings once and that was enough. The children are going to have luncheon with him on Wednesday. I told them to go. There is no reason they shouldn't. There is no hostility toward Mr. Stillman if any feeling exists at all, it is a feeling of pity."

Mrs. Stillman and "Budd" will go to Montreal to attend the hearings in the divorce suit.

"My presence," she said yesterday, "may compel the witnesses to tell the truth."

## Mexican Press Begins New Fight Against Bull Ring

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20. (By Mail to The Associated Press).—The newspaper "El Universal" has started a campaign against bullfighting, which appears to give promise of possible success. In the belief that the present generation of groupings enjoys the sport so much that its prohibition is impossible, the newspaper is attempting to keep children away from the fights and to that end has placed the Mayor of Mexico City and the Governor of the Federal district in which Mexico City is located on record as opposed to boys and girls witnessing the "brutal sport."

Quarter-page pictures of youngsters eagerly watching the gory sights of the arena have been printed and the newspaper asks if this is the sort of entertainment that makes for culture and refinement. Felix P. Patricio, editor of "El Universal," long ago placed himself on record as unalterably opposed to bullfights, although, in deference to popular opinion, he has carried exhaustive accounts of the corridas. He argues, however, that if the youngsters are now kept away from the fights the next generation will not want them.

## Many Citizens Visit Hospital To Praise Wounded Detectives

In recognition of the bravery shown by Detectives Randall J. McCarthy and Timothy Connell in pursuing two bandits whom they discovered Friday holding up a cigar store on Southern Boulevard and Tremont Avenue, more than a hundred New Yorkers visited the two plainclothesmen yesterday in Fordham Hospital, where the are recovering from bullet wounds received during the chase.

Among those who brought gifts to the detectives were District Attorney Edward J. Glennon and Assistant District Attorney Edward Chapman, both of the Bronx; former Police Inspector Dominick Henry and several policemen from the Bathgate Avenue station, to which McCarthy and Connell are attached.

## Army Aid Asked for Sixty Idle Americans in Manila

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 20 (By Mail).—The American Chamber of Commerce has appealed to United States Army headquarters in behalf of nearly sixty destitute Americans, many of them with families, who are stranded in Manila, without work and lacking sufficient means to return to the United States.

The Chamber of Commerce suggests that these men be given employment by the United States government. Twenty of the destitute are office men and the remainder are mechanics.

## Youth and Girl Die of Poison Near Each Other

Stricken at Her Home, Boy Is Making Statement to Police When Death Comes

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 26.—Thomas Brangs, eighteen years old, and Matilda Kist, seventeen years old, both of Passaic, died in the General Hospital here to-night within a half hour of each other, of strychnine poisoning. The police were taking an ante mortem statement from the young man when he was stricken with convulsions and died.

The girl was removed from her home in Central Avenue shortly before midnight. She was in extreme pain. Young Brangs was at her home at the time and told the ambulance surgeon that he, too, was ill. He appeared perfectly well, however, and it was only after he pleaded to be taken to the hospital that the surgeon took him in the ambulance.

The police were notified. Detective Connell took the young man to the hospital. The young man talked willingly. "Matilda and I have been friends for more than a year he said. 'We've been going around a lot. The other day we were taking a walk. It was at this point that the young man was overcome. A few minutes later he was dead.'

## G. F. Johnson Plavs Santa to Poor With \$10 Gold Pieces

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Playing the part of a millionaire Santa Claus, George F. Johnson, millionaire shoe manufacturer, visited the Broome County jail, the court farm, the county tuberculosis hospital and the Old Ladies' Home distributing ten dollar gold pieces to all the inmates. At the jail, his first stop, he shook hands with each prisoner and the surprised individual found a ten dollar gold piece left in his palm.

The total amount of Mr. Johnson's gold distribution exceeded \$4,000.

## Methodists Elect Woman

The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference has availed itself of the new law of the Church allowing the women members equal rights with men by electing Mrs. J. Le Grand Everett as delegate to the next General Conference.

## Harsell's Body Found; Murder Is Suspected

N. Y. Clubman Missing Since April When He Started on Hike in Mountains of South

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.—Finding of a body in the woods of Mitchell County which has been identified as that of B. L. Harsell, wealthy New York clubman and sportsman, who has been missing since last April after leaving Roanoke, Va., to walk to the northern Georgia line, was reported here today by private detectives.

Evidence that Harsell, who undertook the tramping expedition in order to condition himself for a hunting trip in South America, was murdered by parties in the Pigeon Roost Creek section of Mitchell County was declared by Detective Brim, of Galax, Va., to have been found in connection with the discovery of the body. Brim, with other detectives, arrived here about six weeks ago and began working on a new clue to Harsell's disappearance which led them over Mount Mitchell and into a remote section of Mitchell County, where the body was found.

## Private Detective Shot By Fellow He Thrashes

Bullets Fly in Grand Central Station, One Causing a Possibly Mortal Wound

An unidentified foreigner at Grand Central Station yesterday fired four bullets at Michael J. Higgins, a private detective from Auburn, N. Y. One bullet penetrated Higgins's lungs, and the wound, in the opinion of Bellevue Hospital surgeons, may cause death. Two bullets injured one of Higgins's hands and one hurt the other hand.

The detective explained he was at the station to protect a client whom he knows only as "Joe." His client had complained he had been annoyed frequently by the man sought now as the person who shot Higgins. The wounded detective said that when the unidentified stranger approached Joe he thrashed the fellow and was receiving the thanks of his client when the foreigner left, but returned armed with a pistol.

Higgins declared the gunman opened fire on him and when he closed with him he received the three bullets in his hands. He asserted that his assailant then drew off, aimed deliberately and fired the shot that entered his breast. Higgins said that bystanders pursued the foreigner. A brown Fedora hat, said to belong to the gunman, was found in the station.

## No Rest for Grand Jury Crime Wave Forces Bronx Panel to Forego Holiday

Owing to the unprecedented outbreak of crime in the Bronx, the Bronx Grand Jury will not enjoy the usual holiday recess between Christmas and New Years. When the jury convenes on Thursday it will undertake an investigation of four recent killings. It is expected that the first to be taken up will be that of Carl Miller, jeweler, who was slain at his home, 1668 Nelson Avenue, on Saturday.

The second inquiry which the jury will be asked to make will be into the hold-up on Friday of a cigar store at Tremont Avenue and Southern Boulevard. One of the alleged hold-up men was killed and two detectives were shot in this robbery.

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## 500 Chase Man After Woman Is Beaten With Axe

Supposed Assailant Eludes Pursuers in 9th Avenue; Screams Arouse Tenants and Door Is Broken Down

Five hundred persons engaged in a vain pursuit last night of a man said by the police to have attacked Mrs. Fannie Giles, thirty-eight years old, of 215 West Forty-first Street, with a meat axe.

The woman was found by neighbors soon after 10 o'clock last night lying unconscious on the kitchen floor of her apartment. Beside her was a blood-stained axe. Ambulance surgeons said her skull had been fractured. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Tenants in the building heard her screams and on trying to enter the apartment found the door locked. Excited women in the building screamed for help from the windows.

Patrolman John Flannagan, of West Thirtieth Street police station, forced the door of Mrs. Giles's apartment. As he did so, the patrolman says, a man emerged from another door and ran to the street. Men and women tenants gave chase and pursued the supposed assailant. The congregation of a church in the vicinity emerging from a lecture, joined in the pursuit. It ended in failure.

The chase extended west in Forty-first Street to Ninth Avenue, where a constantly increasing crowd. The fugitive turned into Ninth Avenue and was almost overhauled when he dived into a tenement door and disappeared.

The police say Mrs. Giles lives at the apartment where she was injured with her husband, Charles Giles, a chauffeur. Giles could not be found last night.

## Chef at Zoo Has Busy Day Christmas Guests Run Scale From Soup to Nuts

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Chef Frank McLaughlin, of the Franklin Park Zoo, was probably the busiest holiday dinner cook in the city to-day, for the zoo family is large and its tastes are varied.

The Arctic dogs favored the soup course while the lions and bears preferred to have their palates tickled with mutton. The elephants were treated to onions and cabbage, and the tropical birds pecked daintily at fruit. The monkeys and racoons were delighted with a special course of nuts.

## Receivership Is Sought for Hamon Railroad in Texas

PORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 26.—J. W. Meany through his attorneys, Flourney & Smith, Monday morning made application to James C. Wilson, United States District Judge, for the appointment of receivers for the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Port Worth Railway a part of the Jake L. Hamon estate.

Meany is a creditor of the road, having been connected with the construction of the line. His claim, being in excess of \$100,000, he is seeking a foreclosure of a contractor's lien on the railroad.

## Ohio River Still Rising Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Continuing

to rise at the rate of approximately one-tenth of a foot every two hours, the Ohio River at Cincinnati registered fifty-five feet at 7 o'clock to-night. In- dications were, according to rivermen, that the rise would continue at a diminishing rate to about fifty-six feet. All the larger tributaries are receding.

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